MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Minister, that question is over. We can (*Interruptions*). आप बताइए, we will take action. ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: You are exposing your weakness. (*Interruptions*).

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: आप इस जवाब को पढ़िए, आप इसे पढ़कर बताइए। ...(व्यवधान)... इसका आधा भाग कटा हुआ है।

श्री उपसभापति: वे ऐग्ज़ामिन करेंगे।

श्री अमर सिंह: यह हिन्दी का अपमान है।

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: आप तो हिन्दी के संरक्षक है। और संरक्षक होकर ...(व्यवधान)...

डा॰ कुमकुम राय: सर, एक महिला मैम्बर अपना क्वेश्चन पूछने के लिए खड़ी है, महिला मैम्बर को सवाल पूछने का मौका दिया जाए। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: अहलुवालिया जी, अगर गलती हुई है तो उसको सुधारेंगे, देखेंगे। वे देखेंगे। क्वेश्चन नं॰ 143।

Strength of Women Police

* 143. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength of women police in the country is not even 2.5 per cent of the total strength of the men police;

(b) whether it is also a fact that women police in Andhra Pradesh is less than the national average of 2.5 per cent when compared to male police; and

(c) if so, what positive measures are being taken by Government for gender sensitization, including recruitment of women in the State police services?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Strength of women police in India was 2.5 per cent of the total police force as on 01-01-2005. State/UT wise details are at Statement-I (*See* Below)

(b) Yes, Sir. In Andhra Pradesh the strength of women police was 1.64 per cent of the total police force in Andhra Pradesh as on 01-01-2005.

(c) Police is a subject under the State List of the Constitution. However, the Government has been exhorting the States and Union Territories, as part of police reforms, to step up the recruitment of women police to at least 10 per cent of the total strength in a given time frame and to take effective measures for gender sensitization of the police force.

The good practices in respect of gender-sensitization of police have been incorporated as an essential component of police training systems at the National Police Academy at Hyderabad, and also included in the training syllabus of State Police training institutions, as circulated by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D). These are also being disseminated through conferences organized by National Commission for Women and BPR&D.

Statement-I

State-wise break-up of women police in the country and percentage (as on 1-1-2005)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Total strength	Strength of women Police	% of women Police
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	88937	1462	1.64%
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	5720	65	1.14%
3.	Assam	52293	489	0.94%
4.	Bihar	86801	893	1.03%
5.	Chhattisgarh	23776	387	1.63%
6.	Goa	4472	216	4.83%

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Gujarat	64839	2331	3.60%
8.	Haryana	52009	893	1.72%
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13748	152	1.11%
10.	J & K	60445	1510	2.50%
11.	Jharkhand	45830	159	0.35%
12.	Karnataka	83467	2855	3.42%
13.	Kerala	52929	2768	5.23%
14.	Madhya Pradesh	73279	1018	1.39%
15.	Maharashtra	152023	3589	2.36%
16.	Manipur	14761	250	1.69%
17.	Meghalya	13311	44	0.33%
18.	Mizoram	7875	156	1.98%
19.	Nagaland	19952	264	1.32%
20.	Orissa	38976	342	0.88%
21.	Punjab	90745	2210	2.44%
22.	Rajasthan	70724	720	1.02%
23.	Sikkim	3573	177	4.95%
24.	Tamil Nadu	95684	10704	11.19%
25.	Tripura	20411	215	1.05%
26.	Uttar Pradesh	156662	1912	1.22%
27.	Uttranchal	15316	470	3.07%
28.	West Bengal	65648	981	1.49%
29.	A & N Islands	2901	16	0.55%
30.	Chandigarh	4628	35	0.76%
31.	D & N Haveli	200	22	11.00%
32.	Daman & Diu	244	12	4.92%
33.	Delhi	57203	2265	3.96%
34.	Lakshadweep	349	8	2.29%
35.	Pondicherry	3170	80	2.52%
	TOTAL	1542901	39670	2.57%

SHRMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, It is shocking to know that the percentage of women police when compared with their male counterparts, is only 1.64 per cent in Andhra Pradesh. The reply says, "Police is a State subject." This small sentence itself clearly shows how sensitive the Union Government is towards women police. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is true that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for modernisation of its police force for 2005-06, in June, 2005 for Rs. 168 crores. If 'yes', what are the items that have been included for strengthening women police force in Andhra Pradesh in this proposal?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You please put the question. It is a long question.

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, the Minister in his reply said that the Government of India is exhorting the States to recruit ten per cent women police of the total strength in a given time-frame. Sir, I would like to know what is the time-frame set by the Government of India.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, this is a very good question and I would rather like this question to be discussed in a better manner. (*Interruptions*)

श्री उपसभापति: आप सुनिए तो सही।

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, I can't hear.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, it has to be understood that we have 22 lakh policemen in our country. Out of 22 lakhs, fifteen lakh policemen and officers are with the State Governments. The recruitment of policemen and officers in the State Police is done by them according to their own laws, according to their own policies and according to their own decisions. As far as the Union police is concerned, it is the responsibility of the Union Government under the Union law, that is paying back. Sir, it is very unfortunate that not only in our country, but even in advanced countries, there has been a *bias* against recruitment of women in police. Even in most advanced countries, they have said that this is an 'extravagant eccentricity', asking the women to be recruited in the police is an 'extravagant eccentricity'. And here also, the psychology has to change. The Government of India has been doing its best. It was the President of India who said, at least, ten per cent women should be recruited in police.

I have been saying this thing wherever there is an opportunity to explain to the people at the national level and at the State level that the recruitment of women in police should be done on a larger scale. We have been doing it. We have not only said that, but ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, she has asked about the time-frame.

श्री उपसभापति: समय खत्म हो रहा है।

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I am saying that in the modernisation scheme, we have provided for the funds, not only funds for recruitment, but for separate women battalions also and separate women police stations also. But if you don't understand that this has to be done with the cooperation of the State Governments, it is very difficult. We are doing the same thing; we are asking them to do it and let us hope it will be done.

श्री उपसभापति: क्या आपका सैकेंड सप्लीमेंटरी भी है? दूसरों को भी पूछने दीजिए। There are only five minutes left. You put your quesiton straightaway.

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister: Why can't the Government of India think of giving separate assistance to States for setting up of all-women police stations, for raising all-women police battalions and for setting up of women commandoes under Plan expenditure? Though the States are willing to do that, they are not able to do that due to financial constraints. So, will the Minister assure this House that he would extend additional funds under Plan expenditure, not under the head 'Modernisation of Police Force', for setting up of the above things, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I cannot speak for Andhra Pradesh. I can speak for the Government of India and the entire country as such. But the suggestions given by the hon. Members are good suggestions, and we will certainly consider them ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, I would like to explain that some States Like Maharashtra ....(*Interruptions*)... if you are not interested to hear me, I can't help you. Some States in India, like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Orissa have decided that not only 10 per cent of the police force should be women, but 30 per cent of the police force should be women. Now, it is for them to do it, and the hon. lady member will understand that the time-frame cannot be fixed by the Government of India ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री उपसभापति: आप सवाल पूछिये। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, the reply of the Minister does not reflect the concern of the hon. Members ...(*Interruptions*)... My first question is, what are the extra resources required for this purpose and will the Government give a specific time-frame by which time this is being done? We want the time-frame. Secondly, the gender sensitization of police has been incorporated as an essential component, and the practices etc. The point is, unfortunately, what about the bad practices that are being followed? What we want to know from the Minister is that they are increasing bad practices as far as the reserve of gender sensitization is concerned. So, what changes is the Minister contemplating to ensure that the guilty police personnel are punished within a time-bound frame? That is my question.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I would rather like to reply to the positive aspect of the question than the negative aspect of the question. The negative aspect of the question is not unimportant, yet, if I am not in a position to reply to the positive aspect, that will not be proper. If you are expecting the Government of India to control all that is being done by the police in the States, probably, you have not understood the Constitution itself. I can't help it ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री अमर सिंह: बिल्कुल गलत रिप्लाई है। ...(व्यवधान) बिल्कुल गलत रिप्लाई है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: इसका जबाव नहीं आया है। ...(व्यवधान)... आप क्वेश्चन पूछिये। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती माया सिंह: उपसभापति महोदय, हमें भी क्वेश्चन पूछना है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, मैं आधे मिनट का सवाल पूछूंगी। ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Dr. M.S. Gill ...(*Interruptions*)... आपको जबाव चाहिए तो क्वेश्चन जल्दी कीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)... There is no time. He has given his name even before the Question Hour started. Otherwise, I would not have done it. Please cooperate ...(*Interruptions*)... Dr. M.S. Gill ...(*Interruptions*)... If the question is very important, I request you to give a notice for Half-an-Hour discussion, and then you can discuss it ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. M.S. GILL: Sir, may I, in the language of the hon. Minister say that though the question is very good, the answer is less than satisfactory? I want to tell him that we also know the Constitution a little bit. Exhortations alone will not do. The Government of India and the Ministry of Home Affairs give vast amounts of money to all police forces for recruitment, for equipments and for everything.

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Sir, this question is coming from the Treasury Benches, the Congress Party, from a very eminent person.

DR. M.S. GILL: Would he link the Central grant to all the States immediately moving to 5 per cent of women police?

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, मैं आधे मिनट का सवाल पूछूंगी। ...(व्यवधान)...? Even Delhi is not like that. Only Tamil Nadu is.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I am pleased to reply to some questions of this nature. But I cannot reply to the questions which are put like this. Sir, we are suggesting to the State Governments that if 30 per cent reservation is done in the Government services, it should include the police also. We are also saying that the grant which is given, should also be linked to the recruitment.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: उपसभापति महोदय, मैं केवल आधे मिनट में अपना सवाल पूछूंगी। मंत्री जी, आपने कहा कि आप राज्य सरकारों के बारे में नहीं, केवल यूनियन के बारे में बोल सकते हैं। जो आंकड़े आपने दिए हैं, दिल्ली में 3.96 परसेंट और अंडेमान-निकोबार में 0.55 परसेंट, वह तो यूनियन के नीचे आता है। क्या आप स्पेशल रिक्रूटमेंट ड्राइव करके विमैन पुलिस की भर्ती करेंगे जिससे यह गैप पूरा हो सके।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: क्या जवाब नहीं आएगा? मैंने केवल आधे मिनट में प्रश्न किया है।

श्री उपसभापति: हाफ एन ऑवर डिसकशन कर लें। क्वेश्चन ऑवर खत्म हो गया है, मैं क्या कर सकता हूं? Question Hour is over. (*Interruptions*)... Statement by Minister correcting answer, Shri Shankersinh Vaghela. (*Interruptions*)...

डा० (श्रीमती) नजमा ए० हेपतुल्ला: सर ...(व्यवधान)... आप बात सुनिए। एक मिनट। ...(व्यवधान)... ऑनरेबल होम मिनिस्टर ने कहा, ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, Just one minute. (*Interruptions*)...

उपसभापति: आप तो स्वयं डिप्टी चेयरमैन थीं, मैं क्या करूं? (*Interruptions*)... Is it possible to take it up after Question Hour? (*Interruptions*)... आप बैठिए न। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री मोती लाल वोरा: जीरो आँवर में हम लोगों ने भी दिया है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: There was lack of instructions. (*Interruptions*)... Sir, what is this? (*Interruptions*).... When we demand a discussion, you don't allow it. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If the hon. Members desire that this matter should be discussed in the House, nothing prevents them from giving notice for Half-an-Hour Discussion and this question can be discussed in the House. (*Interruptions*)...

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Half-an-hour is not enough.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Allocation for rural water supply scheme

144. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated to the States under the rural water supply scheme during the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount utilized by the States during this period; and

(c) the present status of the rural water supply scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Rural drinking water is a State subject. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in providing drinking water facilities in rural habitations by